



The balloon Angry Bird is moved through Columbus Circle during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, in New York. Americans paused Thursday to celebrate their blessings on Thanksgiving despite terrorism fears and other tensions across the country.

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Bittersweet Thanksgiving Day in Paris

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PARIS (AP) — The turkey was dished up with heaps of sadness for thousands of American expatriates celebrating Thanksgiving in Paris following the city's worst attacks in recent memory.

For some was an opportunity for a return to relative peace, following the Nov. 13 attacks on a rock concert, cafes and the national stadium that left 130 dead and traumatized the nation.

"It's definitely a great time to get together with friends. We have to return to some level of normalcy," said teaching assistant Nadia Alhadi from Detroit, who acknowledged that her Thanksgiving will be bittersweet. She was dashing to a local American-run shop to stock up on last-minute supplies of pumpkin puree and chicken broth Thursday afternoon.

"It's absolutely terrible what happened. There's a lot to be thankful about this year. Number one: that I'm safe because I was near the Bataclan when it happened," she said, referring to the concert hall where at least 89 people were killed when three gunmen opened fire during a concert by Eagles of Death Metal.

Judith Bluysen, the owner of a Paris shop named "Thanksgiving," had less time for reflection as she dealt with the daunting line in her tiny shop.

"It's a big week for us, it takes months of preparation," she said, pointing to a large refrigerated truck outside, hired to store the overflow of turkeys.

Melissa Kenzig started preparing her apple-and-sweet potato pies in advance Tuesday, to make time to pay respects at the Bataclan on Wednesday. "It's a melancholy day," she said. □

Big Balloons, Heavy Security for Thanksgiving Parade

KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans paused Thursday to celebrate their blessings on Thanksgiving despite terrorism fears and racial tensions over fatal police shootings across the country. A record number of police officers patrolled the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, while St. Louis resumed its annual parade, canceled last year amid protests over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed young black man. At the White House, President Barack Obama and his family had a traditional meal to mark the holiday, which traces its roots to a 1621 feast shared between colonists known as the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Here's a look at how the country celebrated Thanksgiving.

NEW YORK CITY

Spectators at the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York noted a stepped-up police presence, with officers perched on buildings like Radio City Music Hall and watching from helicopters hovering overhead.

"It's a little scary, but at least it's keeping us safe," Kim Miller, of Boston, said of the heavy security. "We're having fun."

City officials have said there are no known, credible threats against New York following the deadly attacks in Paris and a video purportedly produced by the Islamic State group that contained footage of Times Square.

But Police Commissioner William Bratton said more

than 2,500 officers would nevertheless be stationed along the parade route for the Thanksgiving festivities — the largest number of officers the department has ever assigned to the event.

The parade, in its 89th

cided to not indict former Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson, who is white, in Brown's death.

CHICAGO

After two days of demonstrations following the release of a video that

turn out to be the moistest, the first family's menu boasted more than enough other choices to fill the stomach.

There was honey-baked ham with apricot-mustard glaze, and prime rib and creamed horseradish,



Dancers move down Central Park West during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 in New York.

(AP Photo/Bryan R. Smith)

year, included marching bands and floats along with Hello Kitty, Snoopy, SpongeBob SquarePants and other giant balloons.

ST. LOUIS

In St. Louis, a modest-sized crowd gathered on an unseasonably warm morning for the annual Thanksgiving Day parade that was canceled last year amid protests and widespread arrests over the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown and other police shootings.

The 2014 parade was supposed to be held several days after a St. Louis County grand jury de-

shows a white Chicago police officer shooting and killing black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014, protest organizers said there were no marches planned for Thanksgiving. Instead, they said they were preparing for a march through the city's famed shopping district, the Magnificent Mile, on Friday.

WHITE HOUSE

Obama says Thanksgiving is a day for food, football and hoping "the turkey didn't turn out too dry."

Even if the White House's thyme-roasted bird didn't

according to the White House. And two kinds of stuffing: cornbread with chorizo and "roasted peppers oyster."

As for the veggies, the Obamas could enjoy some braised winter greens — collards, kale, and turnip greens — in addition to kale Caesar salad. Green bean casserole, too.

Plus, the macaroni and cheese, sweet potato gratin and Yukon Gold mashed potatoes

As for dessert, it seemed Pie Day came early: banana cream, coconut cream, pumpkin, apple, pecan and cherry. □

AP: White House fence-jumper forces brief lockdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man draped in an American flag climbed over the fence at the White House on Thursday, prompting a lockdown as the first family celebrated Thanksgiving.

CNN reports that the man

was immediately apprehended.

Armed security personnel have been seen outside the White House since the incident, which took place shortly before 3 p.m. EST (2000 GMT).

An image of a man atop a

section of fence in front of the North Lawn has been posted on the website of television station WJLA. A second image shows the man standing on the lawn with his arms raised in victory.

President Barack Obama

and his wife and daughters are spending the Thanksgiving holiday at the White House.

Secret Service and White House officials have not responded to calls and emails seeking information. □

Holiday shoppers get a head start on Thanksgiving



Shoppers walk in front of a holiday display in San Francisco. Black Friday used to kick off the holiday shopping season, but now that day has taken a backseat to Thanksgiving Day. Still, retailers have settled into times that don't interfere with the turkey feast.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Black Friday used to kick off the holiday shopping season, but now that day has taken a backseat to Thanksgiving Day. Still, retailers have settled into times that don't interfere with the turkey feast.

After opening earlier and earlier on the holiday, this year, most of the more than a dozen major retailers like Macy's, Target and Kohl's are sticking with their 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. Thanksgiving openings.

One big exception: J.C. Penney, which is opening two hours earlier at 3 p.m. on the holiday. Staples has reversed course and will close on the holiday. And sporting goods chain REI, which was always closed on Thanksgiving, is bowing out of Black Friday too.

Still, stores aren't waiting around to push discounts on holiday goods until the official weekend. Increasingly, they've been discounting holiday merchandise earlier in the month. In fact, according to the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, nearly 60 percent of holiday shoppers have already started holiday shopping as of Nov. 10.

That should take a bite out of the sales this weekend, though Black Friday should

still rank either No. 1 or No. 2 in sales for the year.

The National Retail Federation estimates about 135.8 million people will shop this weekend, compared with 133.7 million last year. The trade group expects about 30 million to shop on Thanksgiving, compared with 99.7 million on Black Friday.

Overall, the group expects a 3.7 percent increase to \$630.5 billion though the growth is much higher than the 10-year average of 2.5 percent.

But grabbing those dollars will be tough. While overall economy has been improving, shoppers remain tight-fisted. Unemployment rate has settled into a healthy 5 percent rate, but shoppers still grapple with stagnant wages that are not keeping pace with rising costs for things like rent. Stores are also contending with an increasing shift to researching and buying online.

In response, Wal-Mart and Target will be making all of the deals available later in the stores online Thanksgiving morning. New this year at Target: Shoppers who spend \$75 or more on Friday will receive a 20 percent discount to use toward a future purchase on any day between Dec. 4 and Dec. 13.

Saks Fifth Avenue pulled up its Black Friday sale to Wednesday to get a jump start to the holiday shopping season. Gerald Storch, CEO of Hudson's Bay Company, which also operates Lord & Taylor, said the deals at the stores are even more aggressive than last year and include a \$75 gift card with a \$150 in-store purchase.

Storch told The Associated Press that the luxury chain considered, and then rejected, opening on Thanksgiving, but it still wanted to do something special for its customers.

"It's a calm alternative to Black Friday," said Storch, referring to the Wednesday store sale. □

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Obama makes holiday appeal for acceptance of Syrian refugees



President Barack Obama, from left, Malia Obama, and first lady Michelle Obama serve Thanksgiving dinner during "Feast with Friends" at Friendship Place homeless center in Washington. Friendship Place works with homeless and at-risk veterans in its Veterans First program. President Obama appealed anew on Thanksgiving Day for acceptance of Syrian refugees, saying "so much of our greatness comes from our generosity."

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama appealed anew on Thanksgiving Day for acceptance of Syrian refugees, saying "so much of our greatness comes from our generosity."

In his weekly radio address broadcast Thursday, Obama noted his commitment to accept an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees this year and argued that the policy is in keeping with U.S. tradition.

Obama compared Syrian refugees to the first Pilgrims who arrived in present-day

Massachusetts on the Mayflower ship in 1620. Many of them separatists from the Church of England, the Pilgrims have come to symbolize the quest for religious freedom in America. The Thanksgiving holiday is commonly traced to a 1621 celebration when the Pilgrims invited Native Americans to join them in a feast.

"Nearly four centuries after the Mayflower set sail, the world is still full of pilgrims," Obama said, "men and women who want nothing more than the chance for

a safer, better future for themselves and their families. What makes America America is that we offer that chance."

He said he has been "touched by the generosity of Americans who've written me letters and emails in recent weeks, offering to open their homes to refugees fleeing the brutality of ISIL (Islamic State group)."

Obama's plan to receive thousands of additional Syrian refugees has come under heavy criticism in Congress and has become a key part of the 2016 presi-

dential campaign rhetoric in the wake of a series of attacks Nov. 13 on Paris. Some lawmakers, voicing concerns about homeland security, are pressing for legislation further tightening the conditions under which refugees can be admitted. "Now, people should remember that no refugee can enter our borders until they undergo the highest security checks of anyone traveling to the United

States," Obama said. "That was the case before Paris, and it's the case now. And what happened in Paris hasn't stopped Americans from opening their arms anyway."

"We turn Lady Liberty's light to the world, and widen our circle of concern to say that all God's children are worthy of our compassion and care," the president said, referring the Statue of Liberty. □

Ads featuring Nazi imagery pulled from subway

NEW YORK (AP) — An ad campaign that featured Nazi imagery has been pulled from the New York City subway system.

Seats on the 42nd Street shuttle between Times Square and Grand Central Terminal were wrapped in Nazi images to promote an Amazon video series called

"The Man in the High Castle." The show depicts the aftermath of World War II as if the Axis powers triumphed.

The region's transit network, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, approved the ads, which first appeared earlier this month. The agency also initially

defended the ads, saying they met its guidelines.

But many public officials condemned them. Mayor Bill de Blasio called them "irresponsible and offensive."

Officials confirmed this week that Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered them removed. □



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Meet John Howland, a lucky Pilgrim who populated America

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — John Howland may not be as famous as William Bradford, John Carver and Myles Standish, notable passengers on the Mayflower that landed in Massachusetts in 1620.

Yet Howland probably had a greater impact on the history of the United States than any of them. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are unaware that they owe their very existence to Howland as they celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday that commemorates a feast shared between Native Americans and the Pilgrims of the Mayflower.

Howland boarded the ship as a servant of Carver, the first governor of the New Plymouth Colony, but he almost never made it to the New World. He fell overboard in the middle of the Atlantic during a gale but grabbed a trailing rope and was hauled back aboard by sailors using boat hooks. His remarkable story is the subject of a new children's book, "The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's Good Fortune," by Irish illustrator and author P.J. Lynch.

Howland and his wife, fellow Mayflower passenger Elizabeth Tilley, had 10 children and more than

as former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin; poets Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Wadsworth

hinged on that one guy grabbing a rope in the ocean and holding on tight totally caught my imagination," Lynch said in a phone interview from his Dublin home. "Many of these people have made America what it is."

There are so many Howland descendants that they have their own club — The Pilgrim John Howland Society — with about 1,200 members.

Gail Adams, a Howland descendant and editor of the society's publication, "The Howland Quarterly," was thrilled when she first found out about her lineage two decades ago. "To think, if he hadn't made it, I wouldn't even be here," she said from her home in Virginia.

Lynch developed an interest in the story of the Pilgrims and Howland when he read Nathaniel Philbrick's book, "Mayflower." It was mostly new to him because he hadn't gone to school in the U.S., where the story of the Pilgrims is taught to every child.

He acknowledges his book — written in the first person from Howland's point of view — isn't a 100 percent accurate account, and he has taken

some liberties in telling and illustrating the story. For example, Howland was actually a young man on the Mayflower trip, not a boy as the book title suggests.

But that's OK with the experts — and Howland's very large extended family.

"He did a great job on it," said Richard Pickering, deputy executive director of Plimoth Plantation, the living history museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts, that preserves the story of the Pilgrims. "There is very little documentation about Howland's early years, but Lynch imagines them beautifully."

"He's right on," Adams said.

The book even describes the beginnings of a romance between Howland and Tilley, which isn't so farfetched, Adams said.

Tilley was left an orphan after the first winter in Plymouth yet chose to stay even though she had family in England and her best friend returned.

"My theory — no proof — is that when handsome John fell overboard and had to be nursed back to health, she was smitten," Adams said. □



This undated image released by Candlewick Press shows the cover of the children's book "The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's Good Fortune" by Irish illustrator P.J. Lynch. Howland fell overboard into the Atlantic Ocean, was hauled back aboard, and made it through the first brutal winter in the New World. He married fellow passenger Elizabeth Tilley, lived with her into their 80s, and had 10 children and 88 grandchildren. More Americans can trace their roots to Howland than to any other of the first pilgrims.

(Candlewick Press via AP)

80 grandchildren. Now, an estimated 2 million Americans can trace their roots to him.

Howland's descendants include three presidents — Franklin Roosevelt, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush — as well

Longfellow; actors Alec Baldwin, Humphrey Bogart, and Christopher Lloyd; Mormon church founder Joseph Smith; and child care guru Dr. Benjamin Spock.

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A "Help Wanted" sign hangs in a store window in New York. The Conference Board released its November index on U.S. consumer confidence on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans' pay is up, fewer people need unemployment aid, more are buying new homes and business spending is rebounding. A flurry of data released Wednesday signaled that the fundamentals of the U.S. economy remain solid, if unspectacular, three weeks before the Federal Reserve will likely begin raising interest rates. Consumers appear relatively confident in the economy and may be poised to spend a decent chunk of their rising incomes during the holiday shopping season. In addition, businesses are stepping up their investment in machinery and equipment, removing a persistent drag on the economy.

The steady consumer and business demand in the United States is powering the economy through economic pressures from overseas, which jolted financial markets during August and September and raised doubts about global growth.

With the U.S. job market on solid footing and wages beginning to rise, the Fed is widely expected to raise short-term rates in mid-December for the first time in nine years.

Wages and salaries jumped 0.6 percent in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday, and data for the spring and summer was revised substantially higher. U.S. paychecks were 4.9 percent higher in October than they were a year earlier, a sizable gain. By contrast, in the first four years after the Great Recession ended in 2009, paychecks typically rose only about 2 percent to 3 percent. "The extra growth in wage income is good news for retailers hoping for a strong holiday shopping season," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

O'Sullivan forecasts that the economy's annual growth rate could reach 2.7 percent in the final three months of the year, from 2.1 percent in the third quarter.

Consumer spending rose

only 0.1 percent in October, though that weak showing occurred partly because the month was unusually warm and Americans paid less for heat. In the second and third quarters, consumer spending topped 3 percent, a historically robust level.

With incomes revised higher, the savings rate jumped last month to 5.6 percent, the highest since 2012.

"History tells us that a chunk of that savings will eventually get spent," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Amherst Pierpont.

Measures of consumer confidence have been mixed but generally paint an op-

timistic picture. According to Gallup, Americans plan to spend on average \$830 on holiday shopping this winter — the most since 2007, just before the recession officially began.

And consumer sentiment ticked up this month, according to a survey by the University of Michigan. Lower and middle-income Americans were more optimistic about their personal finances in the coming year than higher-income households were, the survey found. Still, a separate measure of consumer confidence from the Conference Board, a business research group,

fell in November to its lowest point in more than a year. It found that fewer Americans expected their incomes to rise. Even so, Americans are unleashing pent-up demand for big-ticket items such as homes and cars. Sales of new homes jumped last month and have increased 15.7 percent through the first 10 months of 2015.

Home sales have been bolstered by strong hiring and low mortgage rates. Sales of existing homes are on track to reach their highest level since 2007, even though rising prices are sidelining many potential buyers. □



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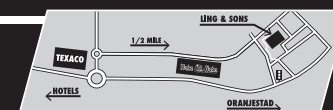
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Russia, France agree to tighten cooperation against IS

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MOSCOW (AP) — The presidents of France and Russia agreed Thursday to tighten cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State group, although they remained at odds over their approach toward Syrian President Bashar Assad. IS has claimed responsibility for deadly attacks against both of the countries' citizens in recent weeks: Nov. 13 shootings and suicide bombings in Paris which killed 130 people, and the Oct. 31 bombing of a Russian passenger jet over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula that claimed 224 lives. French President Francois Hollande has been on a diplomatic drive since the Paris attacks to increase cooperation in tackling IS, which holds swathes of territory in both Syria and Iraq. He has met this week with President Barak Obama, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi before flying to Moscow on Thursday for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, shakes hands with his French counterpart Francois Hollande during their meeting in Moscow, Russia, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015. French President Francois Hollande is in Moscow on Thursday to push for a stronger coalition against Islamic State militants in Syria, trying to unite France, the U.S. and Russia.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko, pool)

Hollande and Putin agreed on increasing intelligence sharing, intensifying their airstrikes against IS in Syria and cooperating on selecting targets — two days after Turkey downed a Russian warplane near the Syrian border.

"We agreed on a very im-

portant issue: To strike the terrorists only, Daesh and the jihadi groups only, and not to strike the forces and the groups that are fighting against the terrorists," Hollande said after the meeting, referring to IS by its Arabic acronym. "And we are going to exchange some

information about that: what can be struck, and what must not be struck." But the two countries remain at odds in their approach toward Assad, with Hollande saying the Syrian head of state "does not have his place in Syria's future," and Putin stressing

that "the Syrian president's fate should be entirely in the hands of the Syrian people."

Putin described Assad's army as a "natural ally" in the fight against IS — an essential force capable of battling the extremist group on the ground. He added that Russia was ready to cooperate with other groups ready to fight IS. Russia has been Assad's staunchest ally, and has come under criticism for targeting some rebel groups who are fighting against both IS and Assad in Syria's multifaceted and complex civil war.

Obama, after meeting with Hollande, had said Russian cooperation in the fight against IS would be "enormously helpful." The U.S. has also insisted that a political transition in Syria must lead to Assad's departure. "We view the U.S.-led coalition with respect and stand ready to cooperate with it," Putin said. "We believe that we would better create a single, united coalition as it would be easier, simpler and more efficient to coordinate our work that way." □

Turkey-Russia spat over downed Russian warplane escalates

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ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A tug-of-war over a Russian warplane downed by a Turkish fighter jet at the border with Syria escalated Thursday, with Moscow drafting a slew of economic sanctions against Turkey and the Turkish president defiantly declaring that his military will shoot down any new intruder. The spat reflected a clash of ambitions of two strong-

man leaders, neither of whom appeared willing to back down and search for a compromise.

Turkey shot down the Russian Su-24 military jet on Tuesday, insisting it had violated its airspace despite repeated warnings. The incident marked the first time in half a century that a NATO member shot down a Russian plane, raising the threat of a military confrontation between the alliance and Moscow. Russian President Vladimir

Putin denounced the Turkish action as a "treacherous stab in the back," and insisted that the plane was downed over Syrian territory in violation of international law.

"Until that moment, we haven't heard a clear apology from Turkey's top political leadership, or an offer to compensate for the damage or a promise to punish the criminals," he said at the Kremlin while receiving credentials from several ambassadors. "It

gives an impression that the Turkish leadership is deliberately driving Russian-Turkish relations into a deadlock, and we regret that."

But Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was in no mood to apologize, and warned that Ankara would act in the same way in the event of another intrusion.

"Faced with the same violation today, Turkey would give the same response," Erdogan said. "It's the

country that carried out the violation which should question itself and take measures to prevent it from happening again, not the country that was subjected to a violation." Erdogan said Turkey had not specifically targeted Russia when it shot down the plane, saying it was "an automatic response" in line with its rules of engagement.

He spoke on a more conciliatory note in separate comments on France 24. □

Cameron: UK must attack IS in Syria to deny group safe haven

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron urged skeptical lawmakers to back airstrikes on the Islamic State group in Syria, saying Thursday that the Paris attacks have given the fight new urgency and Britain owes it to key allies to act.

Cameron told the House of Commons that President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande had urged Britain to join the military campaign in Syria.

"These are our closest allies and they want our help," he said.

"We have to hit these terrorists in their heartlands. We have not and we must not shirk our responsibility for security or hand it to others."

Some previously skeptical lawmakers said they were convinced, but Cameron has not yet announced a date for a House of Com-

mons vote on airstrikes.

The Royal Air Force is part of a U.S.-led coalition attacking IS militants in Iraq, but not in Syria. Cameron has been reluctant to seek backing for strikes in Syria since lawmakers voted down his 2013 plan to launch RAF strikes against the forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Many Britons are wary of getting drawn in to another Middle Eastern conflict after messy, bloody wars in Iraq and Libya.

Earlier this month, Parliament's Foreign Affairs Select Committee said British airstrikes would be "incoherent" and ineffective without a plan to end Syria's four-year civil war.

Cameron replied Thursday with a 36-page letter, arguing that Britain should act to deny the Islamic State group a "safe haven" from which to plot mass-casualty attacks like the Nov. 13 rampage that left 130 dead and hundreds



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron leaves 10 Downing Street to attend Parliament in London, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015. Prime Minister David Cameron says Britain must join airstrikes in Syria to deny the Islamic State group a "safe haven" from which to plot mass-casualty attacks around the world.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

wounded in Paris.

He said airstrikes should be part of a "comprehensive overall strategy" to destroy IS, end the Syrian war and help rebuild the country. Attempting to allay legislators' concerns, Cameron answered questions for more than two hours in the House of Commons.

thorities have foiled seven attacks in the past year either planned or inspired by IS.

Cameron said he would only seek a vote in Parliament if "there is a clear majority for action," so as not to hand IS "a publicity coup."

The main opposition Labour Party remains divided. Leader Jeremy Corbyn, whose left-wing views are at odds with some of his lawmakers, said military action could have "unintended consequences" — as it did in Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan. He wrote Thursday to Labour legislators to say he wouldn't back airstrikes because Cameron had not set out "a coherent strategy" to defeat IS.

Labour's leadership in Parliament met Thursday, but didn't decide whether to allow the party's lawmakers a free vote. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday. □



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3 Palestinians die in clashes; Israel toughens fence



Israeli soldiers and police officers stand guard next to a crashed car, in the West Bank, near the Palestinian town of Nablus. A Palestinian motorist rammed his vehicle into a group of Israeli soldiers at a West Bank checkpoint on Tuesday, wounding three, Israel's military said. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

DANIELLA CHESLOW
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Three Palestinians were shot and killed in separate clashes with Israeli security forces in the West Bank on Thursday as Israel announced plans to strengthen a fence near the flashpoint city of He-

bron in an effort to contain a two-month spate of violence. In the first incident, the Israeli military said a clash erupted after troops raided the village of Qattana overnight to search for ammunition and arrest suspected assailants. The Pal-

estinians hurled firebombs and stones at troops, according to the army. Yehya Taha, 21, was shot in the head and later died, according to Palestinian Health Ministry spokesman Mohammed Awawdeh. Later in the day, Israeli border guards shot and killed a Palestinian attacker wielding a knife near the West Bank city of Nablus.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the man got out of a taxi near a military post and began running toward officers, brandishing a knife. No Israelis were hurt in that attack, Samri added. She did not say how close the man got to the Israeli forces. The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the assailant as 51-year-old Samir Seresi. Late Thursday, it said a 21-year-old Palestinian was killed in clashes with soldiers near Hebron in the West Bank. The Israeli military said the Palestinian was about to throw a firebomb at passing traffic when soldiers opened fire. The deaths were the latest in a two-month wave of violence. Since mid-September, 19 Israelis have died in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings and shootings. At least 94 Palestinians have also died, including 58 said by Israel to be attackers. The others died in clashes with Israeli forces. In an effort to quell the violence, Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon announced Wednesday that Israel will fortify an existing fence west of Hebron, a southern West Bank city that has

been a flashpoint in the current unrest. Yaalon said attackers have managed to get through the structure in recent weeks. "We intend to bring a far more massive barrier there...in light of the bitter experience with the physical damage to this barrier," Yaalon said. "I definitely identify this area as a weak point, from both a security and criminal perspective." The approximately 25-mile (40-kilometer) stretch of fence is part of a sprawling West Bank separation barrier that Israel has built over the last decade or so. Israel says the structure is a security measure meant to keep attackers out of its cities. But the Palestinians say the structure is a land grab, since it places sections of the West Bank on the "Israeli" side. The Palestinians claim all of the West Bank for part of a future state. Yaalon told lawmakers that the project will take a year. The fence will have similar technology as the recently constructed Israeli fence on the Egyptian frontier meant to prevent infiltration by militants and African migrants. □

Migrants clash at Greece-Macedonia border

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IDOMENI, Greece (AP)

— Hundreds of migrants stranded at Greece's northern border clashed with police Thursday while trying to force their way into Macedonia. The migrants from Iran, Morocco, Pakistan and several other countries confronted Macedonian riot police who were seen hitting protesters with batons. Macedonia toughened rules for crossings earlier this month, in the wake of the deadly Paris attacks, restricting access to citizens from countries typically granted asylum in Europe, including Syria and Afghanistan. At least 10 people stranded at the border are on hunger strike and have

sewn their mouths shut in protest. One of the hunger strikers fainted during the protest and was carried by to a medical tent set up by a charity organization. An Iranian migrant who asked to be identified only by her first name, Sonya, said she was afraid to return to Iran after speaking out against authorities there. "They are not letting us into Macedonia. I have tried to cross at several points, but the police were always there to stop us," she said. "I've been here for seven days and I'm going to keep trying to get across." About 750 stranded migrants remained camped out near the border village of Idomeni, police said. They have staged daily demonstrations at the border, and have pitched

their tents on a railway line, halting rail services between the Greek port of Thessaloniki and the Macedonian capital Skopje. With many of its islands facing the coast of Turkey, Greece was the busiest entry point for migrants and refugees trying to reach northern Europe following a spike in new arrivals this year. Struggling to cope with the high numbers of new arrivals, many Balkan countries relaxed transit rules over the summer as migrants headed to Germany and other countries northern Europe. Greek police said 2,400 migrants had crossed into Macedonia in the 24 hours before 6 a.m. (0400GMT) Thursday, down from the recent daily average of 3,500. □



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Venezuela opposition challenging on Chavez family turf



A campaign worker hands out a leaflet promoting the opposition coalition during a campaign rally in Barinas, Venezuela. Although the Chavez family has ruled the state since the late 1990s, its grip is slipping. And that augurs the previously unthinkable: A nationwide turn against the well-entrenched party Hugo Chavez founded.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press
BARINAS, Venezuela
(AP) — Asdrubal Chavez is a walking tribute to his still-revered cousin as he stumps for congress. Hugo Chavez's eyes peer out from above the bill of his red baseball cap. The late president's signature is emblazoned on his red shirt. But conjuring the image of the founder of Venezuela's socialist revolution may no longer be enough for a person named Chavez to win elected office in this

ranching state where the late leader and his five brothers were raised. The family's grip on Barinas, which it has governed since the late 1990s, appears to be slipping amid what polls indicate is a nationwide turn against the well-entrenched party Hugo Chavez founded. Many on the plains continue to adore the late president, who grew up in a dirt-floor shack here. But in the 32 months since his death, support for his newly rich brothers and cousins

has ebbed as food lines worsen, crime spirals and complaints mount of inefficiency, corruption and cronyism in local government.

A home-turf defeat in Dec. 6 congressional elections would badly wound the governing socialists, who tightly control state institutions after 16 years in power. If the United Socialist Party of Venezuela can lose here, it can lose anywhere. And indeed, polls predict it will suffer its first-ever national election loss. "The Chavez I knew would never have accepted this reality," said Gaspare Baraco, 59, a retired auto body painter who grew up playing stickball with Hugo and his brothers. "I can't get my diabetes pills. I haven't been able to buy

chicken for a month. Everything is sacrifice now." He and other neighbors grumbled on the sidelines as Asdrubal zipped through a handful of pre-screened homes Monday in the boys' old neighborhood in Barinas, as both the state and its capital are named. Hugo's younger brother Argenis, a candidate for another of the state's six congressional seats, had canceled at the last minute.

The socialists currently hold 60 percent of Venezuela's 167 congressional seats. Independent polls show the opposition on track to win back control, and within striking distance of a two-thirds majority, which would allow them to rewrite key laws.

President Nicolas Maduro

has vowed to prevent that "by any means." Party leaders in Barinas have plastered the streets with ads, and election officials redrew districts this year to take a seat from an opposition-leaning part of the state and add it to a government stronghold. The socialists and opposition each have a lock on one of Barinas' six congressional seats; the opposition hopes to win the other four.

During the early days of Chavez's presidency, vocal opponents in Barinas weathered withering insults, attacks with rocks and threats from pro-government gangs who fired guns into the air as warnings.

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Chinese company postpones big canal project in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua
(AP) — A Chinese company said Wednesday it is delaying the start of construction on a \$50 billion inter-ocean canal across Nicaragua until late 2016. China's HKND Co. got approval for environmental studies of the canal earlier this month. But on Wednesday, a company statement said that "the construction of locks and the big excavations will start toward the end of

2016." The company gave no reason for the delay, but said that "the canal's design is currently being fine-tuned." Nicaraguan authorities have already approved the proposed 172-mile (278-kilometer) route for the canal. Crews broke ground on access roads for the project last December, but have yet to start digging the waterway itself. □

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Argentina's president-elect announces new Cabinet



Argentina's President-elect Mauricio Macri speaks to journalist at the entrance of the Olivos presidential residence after meeting with President Cristina Fernandez in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan)

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President-elect Mauricio Macri named a new Cabinet this week that includes members from diverse Argentine political movements, business executives and a minister with the outgoing government. Marcos Pena, chosen by Macri to be his Cabinet chief when he takes office Dec. 10, announced the president-elect's appointments at a news conference. Among the key ap-

pointments is Alfonso Prat Gay as finance minister. He was Central Bank chief between 2002 and 2004 during the Peronist governments of Presidents Eduardo Duhalde and Nestor Kirchner. Lino Baranao, the current minister of science and technology, will remain in his post. "He has been carrying out a very valuable program of science and technology," Pena said. "For Mauricio (Macri) it has been one of

the most successful policies of Cristina's government." Baranao is the only member of outgoing President Cristina Fernandez's Cabinet to be appointed to Macri's. The president-elect also named ministers from parties belonging to his Cambiemos front, including Oscar Aguad as communications minister, Ricardo Buryaile in agriculture and Julio Martinez in defense. They are from the Radical

Civic Union party. Rogelio Frigerio will be minister of the interior, while Union For All deputy Patricia Bullrich will be security minister. Earlier, Macri announced that Susana Malcorra will be Argentina's foreign minister. Former Shell executive Juan Jose Aranguren will be minister of energy and mines. The appointments came after a meeting late Tuesday between Fernandez and Macri that left the president-elect expressing disappointment. Macri said Fernandez was cordial but the talk "wasn't worth it." He said they only went over protocol for the Dec. 10 inauguration ceremony. Macri beat ruling party candidate Daniel Scioli in a presidential runoff Sunday, ending 12 years of dominance by Fernandez and her late husband and predecessor in office Nestor Kirchner. Macri has said he will tackle Argentina's economic woes, including plunging foreign reserves, high government spending and soaring inflation. He has also vowed to lift unpopular restrictions on buying U.S. dollars. □

CARIBBEAN

Dominican officials say at least 11 dead in two bus collision

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominican authorities say at least 11 people have died and over 70 have been injured when two buses collided between two eastern resort towns. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says the buses were carrying employees of the Paradisus Punta Cana Resort and the Coco Bongo nightclub. Authority spokesman Diegeo Pesqueira says the collision occurred at dawn Thursday. He said the number of fatalities could increase "because we still have many injured in various hospitals and some are serious." Authorities are still determining what caused the accident, but Pesqueira says a front tire blew out on one of the buses before the collision.

Puerto Rico official against new murder trial for judge's son

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's justice secretary says he will fight a ruling that gives the son of a U.S. district court judge a new trial after being found guilty of killing his wife. Cesar Miranda says a local appeals court erred upon stating that Pablo Casellas deserves a new trial because a 9-3 verdict issued last year was not unanimous. Miranda said in a statement this week that a unanimous verdict is only required in federal courts. Casellas was found guilty in January 2014 on charges including murder, weapons offenses and destroying evidence. His wife, 46-year-old Carmen Paredes, was found shot multiple times at their home in a wealthy suburb. □

Venezuela opposition party says regional official slain

FABIOLA SANCHEZ Associated Press CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An opposition leader was shot to death at a campaign rally Wednesday for next week's congressional elections in Venezuela, his party said. The shooting took place in the central town of Altigracia de Orituco, the leader of Democratic Action party, Carlos Prospero, said. He said he heard

gunshots as the rally was breaking up and the party's leader for the town, Luis Manuel Diaz, was hit. Also present at the event was Lilian Tintori, wife of jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, said another top party official, Henry Ramos Allup. Tintori is one of the best known faces of the forces opposing Venezuela's socialist government. On her Twitter account

Wednesday night, she denounced the "terror" that she charged was carried out by the governing party and said she had suffered multiple attacks in Altigracia de Orituco. The Dec. 6 elections are being fiercely contested as the opposition coalition, of which Democratic Action is a part, mounts one of its strongest challenges yet to the government amid severe economic

problems in the oil-exporting country. The opposition says several activists have been wounded in recent days as government supporters crashed campaign events. The socialist party has denied that it is trying to intimidate the opposition with violence and called the allegations nothing more than the latest craze among the government's foes. □



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lightful menu choices with Lionfish on their popular restaurant menus.

"There's lots of good reasons why more of our Island's restaurant menus should offer more healthy and tasty Lionfish on their menus. There's just too many invasive Lionfish swimming in our ocean and the population needs to be controlled", explains marine biologist Byron Boekhoudt. As coordinator of the Save the Reef Party Fundraiser, Boekhoudt will be welcoming guests and fielding Lionfish questions at this Event.

Miss Feranda Gimenez of Mendoza, Argentina will keep spirits buoyed, with a wine pairing courtesy of Romar Trading, for each of the Lionfish dishes served. The Aruba Marine Park



Foundation has also partnered up with Wine and Dine talent Ron van der Put

and International chef and volunteer Lionfish Hunter, Ilja Cybulski, to circulate several bite size tastings from E Sushi Shap, Screaming Eagle and the popular group of Aruba Wine and Dine Restaurants.

All proceeds from the Lionfish Fundraiser will go directly towards education and protection efforts of Aruba's spectacular underwater landscapes and coral reefs. Party tickets for Lionfish and Wine sampling can be purchased at the Jolly Pirates Gift shop at MooMba Beach. Call 586- 8107 for more details. □



Loyal Visitors Honored by the Aruba Tourism Authority

EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Marriott Ocean Club, La Cabana Beach Resort, Bucuti Beach Resort and Playa Linda Beach Resort as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as tokens of appreciation to guests who visit



Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-to-34 consecutive years. The honorees for Distinguished Visitor were Mr. Bill and Mrs. Evelyn Rapp of New York, Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Jenny Sterlein of Connecticut, and Mr. James and Mrs. Christine Tracy of Massachusetts. The honorees for Goodwill Ambassador were Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Roxanne Young of Massachu-

setts, Mr. Eugenio and Mrs. Marge Postorivo of New Jersey, and Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Diane Mazza. All of the honorees are loyal members of their respective resorts and they love Aruba very much because

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Beth Israel Aruba Synagogue Celebrates Hanukkah 2015

ORANJESTAD - Rabbi Daniel Kripper, has just revealed the Jewish community's schedule for the upcoming Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, starting with the lighting of the first candle, Sunday, December 6th, at 6:30pm. On the evening's program, the evening prayer, Arvit service, at 6:30pm, followed by Hanukkah candle lighting, and a special celebration to life, L'chayim. Traditional



refreshments such as Hanukkah donuts, sufganyiot, will be served. At 7:30pm, the community is inviting anyone interested in Jewish Culture to view a contem-

porary Israeli movie, as part of the synagogue's cinema series, God's Neighbors, HA'MASHGICHIM. On Friday, December 11th, at 7:30pm, the community is organizing a Kabbalat Shabbat Hanukkah, with Soloist Cantor Yaacov Rodriguez, followed by a community potluck dinner and get together, Oneg Shabbat. On Sunday December 13th, at 6:00pm, the annual

Hanukkah Community Celebration will unfold at Paseo Herencia, Palm Beach, with traditional songs, and dances, rikudim. Guests will be treated to Hanukkah donuts, sufganyiot. You are invited to listen to guest-singer Yaacov Rodriguez, from Costa Rica, accompanied by local musicians. For more information, please call: Beth Israel Aruba, Tel. (+297) 582-3272. □

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MEGA FEAST



Lions pounce on reeling Eagles, win 45 -14

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson (81), defended by Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Eric Rowe (32), scores a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, in Detroit.
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Vonn, Shiffrin may be in for robust rivalry this season



In this Dec. 3, 2014, file photo, Lindsey Vonn, left, of the U.S. races down the hill during the second training run for the World Cup women's downhill ski race in Lake Louise, Alberta; and in this Jan. 13, 2015, file photo, United States's Mikaela Shiffrin, right, competes during the first run of an alpine ski women's World Cup slalom in Flachau, Austria.

Associated Press

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Over hot chocolate, Lindsey Vonn and Mikaela Shiffrin recently had their first real heart-to-heart chat.

Among the topics discussed in a New Zealand coffee shop were family, friends, "girl stuff" — as Shiffrin put it — and, of course, ski racing.

Throughout the season, these two American teammates could very well be at the top of the overall standings. Might come down to the very end, too.

No bitterness, they maintain. No nastiness, either. Just a robust rivalry.

"How will it be going head-to-head? It's exciting to find out," said the 20-year-old Shiffrin, who will be a big favorite in a World Cup

giant slalom race Friday on home snow, along with two slalom events over the weekend. "If we were to go head-to-head, I have a feeling it could be one of those things where she's not going to give it to me and I'm sure as heck not going to give it to her."

For years, Shiffrin was touted as the next Vonn. Well, Shiffrin's fulfilled those lofty expectations, capturing the slalom title at the 2013 world championships, Olympic gold in the slalom at the 2014 Sochi Games and then defending her world title last February in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

This season, Shiffrin ventures into Vonn's territory by adding some speed events, beginning next week with a super-G at Lake Louise, Alberta. Among those who

believe Shiffrin's ready for the jump to speed is Vonn. "She's just a great skier and she's obviously extremely talented," said the 31-year-old Vonn, who's healed from breaking her left ankle three months ago in training and a bite on her right thumb that required stitches after breaking up a fight between her dogs. "She has such a great touch on snow and such a solid technique."

"I'm sure she's going to do phenomenal in speed as well."

High praise from Vonn, the four-time overall champion. Then again, she doesn't see this rivalry as anything but healthy.

Being a decade older than Shiffrin, Vonn wants to be a "resource" for her young compatriot. "We

both have a lot of respect for each other," said Vonn, the all-time winningest female World Cup racer who will compete only in the GS this weekend. "We'll see how the season shapes up. It would be really great for ski racing if two Americans were fighting for the overall." The paths of Shiffrin and Vonn haven't crossed all that much over the years. That's partly because of Vonn's serious knee injury, which kept her out of the Sochi Games. And when Vonn has been back, they've traveled in different circles since Shiffrin works so closely with the technical side.

That's why Vonn invited Shiffrin out for cocoa during training over the summer. A chance to get better acquainted.

Vonn's take on their meeting: "It was a really nice conversation. It wasn't anything in particular. Just kind of a nice, easy conversation."

Shiffrin was flattered a skier she's long considered one of her idols wanted to sit down with her.

"Lindsey's made more sacrifices than anybody else in order to get the job done," Shiffrin said. "I respect that

a lot."

With defending overall champion Anna Fenninger sidelined by a knee injury and Tina Maze taking a break, that opens the door for a Vonn-Shiffrin showdown.

"If she beats me for the overall, you know what, cheers to that," Shiffrin said. "It's like, 'You're a really good ski racer and a really good athlete and there's a reason you're winning.' Hopefully, I'll be able to give her some good competition."

Off to a great start. Shiffrin finished second in the giant slalom last month in Soelden, Austria. Valuable points, especially with Vonn skipping it to give her ankle more time to mend. Shiffrin believes she can be on the podium in all three races this weekend. No American has finished in the top three during a World Cup race at Aspen since Julia Mancuso was third in 2011. What's more, no American has won at this venue since Tamara McKinney in 1981.

"The podium is definitely a possibility. Maybe more than a possibility," Shiffrin said. "But things have to line up." □

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Canadiens top Rangers 5-1 in matchup of Eastern powers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Star goalie Carey Price exited with a recurring injury, but Devante Smith-Pelly and Alex Galchenyuk scored in the opening 1:29 of the third period and the Montreal Canadiens beat the New York Rangers 5-1 Wednesday night in a matchup of the top two teams in the Eastern Conference.

Smith-Pelly had two goals. Sven Andrighetto and Max Pacioretty also scored for the Canadiens, who have handed the Rangers (16-4-2) two of their four losses in regulation this season.

Price stopped 22 shots in the first two periods and was replaced at the start of the third by Mike Condon in a 2-1 game. After it was over, coach Michel Therrien said Price was sidelined by the same lower-body injury that kept him out for eight games earlier this month. This was his third game back.

Price was the NHL MVP and Vezina Trophy winner last season as the league's top goalie.

BLACKHAWKS 5, SHARKS 2

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Patrick Kane had two assists to extend his career-best scoring streak to 17 games, leading Chicago over San Jose.

Kane set up Brent Seabrook on Chicago's first goal and also got a helper on Duncan Keith's second-period goal to give him 28 points during the streak.

Jonathan Toews and former Shark Andrew Desjardins also scored for Chicago. Andrew Shaw added an empty-netter for the Blackhawks, who improved to 2-1-1 on their annual circus road trip. The six-game swing concludes this week-end with games in Anaheim and Los Angeles.

Corey Crawford made 27 saves.

Brent Burns and Patrick Marleau scored for the Sharks, who returned home from a 6-0 road trip to lose once again at the Shark Tank. San Jose fell to 3-6 at home this season after dropping 22 games here last season

— their most since 1996-97. The Sharks had earned the most points at home in the NHL over the previous nine seasons.

COYOTES 4, DUCKS 2

GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) — Antoine Vermette scored twice in Arizona's victory over Anaheim.

The Coyotes had beaten the Ducks twice already this season behind Max Domi, Anthony Duclair and Martin Hanzal. Domi and Duclair were at it again, combining for three points — including a goal in the third period shortly after Anaheim cut the lead to two.

Duclair has scored five of his eight goals against the Ducks this season and has combined with Domi for 11 points in three games.

Anaheim twice cut Arizona's lead to one on third-period goals by Sami Vatanen and Ryan Kesler before Vermette put it away with an empty-netter.

Michael Stone also scored and Mike Smith stopped 29 shots for the Coyotes.

SENATORS 5, AVALANCHE 3

DENVER (AP) — Shane Prince had two goals and an assist for his first NHL points, and Ottawa held on to defeat Colorado.

Zack Smith, Kyle Turris and Mika Zibanejad each had a goal and an assist for the Senators, who have won four straight. Craig Anderson made 20 of his 40 saves in the third period when the Avalanche tried to overcome a three-goal deficit.

Nathan MacKinnon and Gabriel Landeskog each had a goal and an assist, and Chris Wagner scored his first NHL goal for Colorado.

PENGUINS 4, BLUES 3, OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Evgeni Malkin scored 1:03 into overtime and Sidney Crosby broke out with two goals to lift Pittsburgh over St. Louis.

Malkin took a lead pass from Phil Kessel and beat goaltender Jake Allen on the backhand for his eighth of the season and fifth game-winner. □



Boston Bruins left wing Brad Marchand (63) and Detroit Red Wings defenseman Mike Green (25) battle for the puck in the first period of an NHL hockey game Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, in Detroit. Associated Press

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Stafford throws 5 TD passes, Lions beat Eagles 45-14

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Matthew Stafford dropped back and perfectly lofted the ball where only Calvin Johnson could catch it.

Johnson leaped to come down with the 25-yard pass in the end zone for the first of a career-high matching three touchdown receptions, Stafford tied a personal best with five scoring passes, and the surging Detroit Lions kept the Philadelphia Eagles reeling with a 45-14 rout Thursday.

"When we're on point like that, it's hard to stop," Johnson said.

The Lions (4-7) have won three straight since firing their team president and general manager, and three in a row in their annual Thanksgiving game. Detroit ran for 108 yards, tied a season high with six sacks and Matt Prater made a 48-yard field goal.

"That's as complete a victory as we've had since we've been here," said Jim Caldwell, who won 11 games last season in his first year as Detroit's coach. The Eagles (4-7) have lost three straight. They have allowed at least 45 points in two straight games in one season for the first time, ac-



Detroit Lions tight end Eric Ebron (85) is upended by Philadelphia Eagles strong safety Walter Thurmond (26) during the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, in Detroit.

Associated Press

cording to STATS, and have lost by at least 28 points in consecutive games for the first time since 1971.

"We all take accountability," coach Chip Kelly said. "I'm a coach, not a player, so it starts with me. I'm not pointing fingers at anybody, and I don't think anybody points fingers at anybody." Stafford threw for more than 200 yards and three touchdowns without a turnover by halftime for the

second time in his career, according to STATS, to help the Lions lead 24-7. He finished 27 of 38 for 337 yards and threw five TDs for the fourth time in his career.

"Our quarterback is comfortable in this offense," Caldwell said. "And when that happens, it gives you opportunities for your playmakers to do things." Johnson had eight catches for 93 yards and three TDs, matching his career high set in 2010. After not throwing to John-

son much early in the game, Stafford started connecting with the star receiver. The Eagles couldn't do much about it, especially when starting cornerback Nolan Carroll left in the second quarter with a broken right ankle and was replaced by rookie Eric Rowe.

"At the end of the first quarter, I realized we hadn't gotten 81 the ball yet, so we dialed up some plays for him," Stafford said. "We started getting aggressive, and that opened up a couple routes for him."

The quarterback seems to be clicking with plays called by offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter, who replaced the fired Joe Lombardi a month ago.

"I love that he's so aggressive," Stafford said. "That rubs off on the players because it is fun when

he's giving you chances to make big plays."

Taking advantage of Johnson in one-on-one coverage, Stafford threw 4- and 3-yard TD passes to Johnson in the third quarter.

"We're attacking the defense, and not playing defense on offense," Johnson said.

Stafford started the scoring barrage with an 8-yard pass to Theo Riddick, who made a sharp move to the inside to get away from linebacker Mychal Kendricks late in the opening quarter. Stafford threw a go-ahead, 2-yard TD midway through the second quarter to Golden Tate, who lined up as a fullback and went to the flat where he caught the ball and stopped, letting safety Walter Thurmond run past him. Mark Sanchez started in place of Sam Bradford, who was inactive with a shoulder injury. Sanchez completed 19 of 27 passes for 199 yards and two TDs. He connected with Brent Celek early in the second quarter on a 2-yard pass to help Philadelphia pull into a 7-all tie and with Jordan Matthews for a relatively meaningless, 24-yard TD late in the game.

Sanchez was able to connect with receivers when he had time, but that didn't happen very often.

Detroit's Ezekiel Ansah had a career-high 3 1/2 sacks, one of which forced a fumble by Sanchez that the defensive end recovered.

"That guy's got a serious grip - rigor mortis or something," Sanchez said. □



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NBA Capsules

76ers fall to Celtics for record-tying 26th straight loss

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 30 points, Jae Crowder hit a go-ahead 3-pointer and the Boston Celtics rallied to beat Philadelphia 84-80 on Wednesday night, handing the 76ers their 16th straight loss to open the season and record-tying 26th in a row overall.

Philadelphia tied the major U.S. professional sports futility mark set by the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1976-77 and matched by the 76ers in 2013-14. They are two losses away from tying the then-New Jersey Nets' NBA-worst mark of 18 losses to open a season.

Evan Turner added 16 points for Boston, which trailed by five with just under 3 minutes left. The 76ers scored three points in the final 6:13.

Jahill Okafor led the 76ers with 19 points and nine rebounds. Hollis Thompson scored 15 points.

RAPTORS 103, CAVALIERS 99

TORONTO (AP) — Kyle Lowry scored 27 points, DeMar DeRozan added 20 and Toronto beat Cleveland for its third straight victory.

LeBron James had 24 points, eight assists and six rebounds for the Cavaliers, who lost their third straight road game. Kevin Love added 21 points and 13 rebounds.

The Raptors went up for good with 7:45 to go in the fourth.

After missing their first five shots of the fourth quarter, the Raptors scored nine straight points over a 2-min-

ute span to open a 91-84 lead with 5:38 to go.

TIMBERWOLVES 99, HAWKS 95

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Zach LaVine had 18 points, six assists and five rebounds in place of the injured Ricky Rubio, and Minnesota swept the season series with Atlanta.

Rubio first tweaked his left ankle Monday night against Philadelphia and tried to play through it Wednesday. But another spill in the second quarter ultimately limited him to 21 minutes.

Andrew Wiggins scored 15 points on 5-for-17 shooting for the Wolves, who won their second home game in a row after an 0-6 start at Target Center. The Wolves entered the night last in 3-point field goals, but went 9 for 21 against the Hawks. Paul Millsap had 22 points and 10 rebounds, and Jeff Teague scored 22 points for the Hawks. But Atlanta shot just 37.8 percent from the floor and 25 percent on 3s for its fifth loss in seven games.

SPURS 88, MAVERICKS 83

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points and San Antonio beat Dallas.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points and seven rebounds in his return from a two-game absence because of a mild left ankle sprain. Tony Parker added 16 points and eight assists, and the Spurs improved to 12-3 with their third straight victory.

Wes Matthews had 15 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 13 for Dallas.



Philadelphia 76ers' Robert Covington (33) and Boston Celtics' Avery Bradley (0) chase a loose ball during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015. The Celtics won 84-80.

Associated Press

beat slumping Los Angeles to end a 13-game skid against the Clippers.

Derrick Favors added 22 points, Rodney Hood 13, and Rudy Gobert had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Blake Griffin had 40 points — two off his career high — and 12 rebounds for the Clippers. They fell to 7-8 with their seventh loss in eight games. Chris Paul added 24 points and eight assists.

HORNETS 101, WIZARDS 87

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Jeremy Lamb had 18 points and seven rebounds, Nicolas Batum added 16 points and 11 assists and Charlotte closed with a 25-2 run to beat Washington.

The Hornets overcame a late nine-point deficit and set a franchise record by holding the Wizards to six points in the fourth quarter. Charlotte ran its home winning streak to seven and has won five of six overall to improve to 9-6.

ter to help Memphis beat struggling Houston.

Houston has lost three straight to drop to 5-10 overall and 1-3 since coach Kevin McHale was fired and replaced by J.B. Bickerstaff. James Harden had 40 points for the Rockets.

The Grizzlies led for most of the game despite playing without Zach Randolph, who missed his fourth straight game with soreness in his right knee.

KINGS 129, BUCKS 118

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rudy Gay scored 36 points and Sacramento beat Milwaukee for its second road victory of the season.

Sacramento scoring and rebounding leader DeMarcus Cousins sat out because of a strained lower back. The Kings had lost all five previous games that Cousins missed this season. Omri Casspi added 19 and seven rebounds, and Rajon Rondo had 10 points and 13 assists.

Miami to end a two-game losing streak.

Drummond had his fourth 20-rebound game of the season. Dwight Howard has the only other one in the NBA this season. Reggie Jackson added 18 points and seven rebounds for the Pistons.

Gerald Green had 16 points for Miami, and Hassan Whiteside added 15 points and 13 rebounds. Dwyane Wade scored two points on 1-for-9 shooting — the fewest points he has ever scored in at least 20 minutes of action.

PELICANS 120, SUNS 114

PHOENIX (AP) — Anthony Davis tipped in a missed shot with 20.6 seconds left for the go-ahead basket and New Orleans pulled away to beat Phoenix.

Davis had 26 points and 17 rebounds and the Pelicans overcame a 17-point first-half deficit for their third straight victory and second over the Suns in four days. □

Nagbe's year: Citizenship, playoffs and the U.S. national team

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) —

Things couldn't be better for Darlington Nagbe.

The 25-year-old midfielder became an American citizen in September, he just returned from his first call-up with the U.S. national team, and his Portland Timbers are in the MLS Cup playoffs. To top it off, Nagbe and his wife are expecting a son next month.

The enormity of it all dawned on him when he made his national team debut in a World Cup qualifying match against St. Vincent and the Grenadines in St. Louis two weeks ago. Nagbe wore a broad smile as he entered the game in the 64th minute.

"Just the whole process. Getting citizenship, and my family and everything like that," he said about the thoughts that raced through his mind in the moment. "Finally getting a chance to wear the colors. It was exciting."

Nagbe was born in Liberia and his father played for the national team. But civil war prompted his mother Somah to flee the country when Darlington was just a few months old. Joseph Nagbe, who was playing professionally in France at the time, found the family in a refugee camp in Sierra Leone.

The Nagbes traveled throughout Europe, following Joseph Nagbe's ca-



In this Nov. 22, 2015, photo, Portland Timbers forward/midfielder Darlington Nagbe (6) moves the ball against FC Dallas during the first half of the first leg of the MLS soccer Western Conference championship in Portland, Ore.

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reer. But when Darlington was 11, Somah moved the family to the United States, hoping for some stability and a solid education for her sons.

The family settled in Ohio, where Nagbe became a top youth player. When he was 15, he caught the eye of Akron coach Caleb Porter, who recruited him to play for the Zips.

In three seasons with Akron, Nagbe scored 19 goals and had 19 assists. He won

the MAC Hermann Award for the nation's top college player as a junior.

"He was huge," Nagbe said of Porter. "Going to the University of Akron was a new experience for me. I didn't deal well with new environments, but he made it comfortable for me. He was a guy I could go to, and still go to, for advice about anything, whether it's family or soccer or anything."

Nagbe was the second overall pick in the MLS draft

in 2011 by the expansion Portland Timbers. The next year he was reunited with Porter when he was made coach of the Timbers.

Portland went 15-11-8 this season, earning the Western Conference's third seed in the playoffs. The Timbers defeated Sporting KC in the knockout round, before beating the Vancouver Whitecaps 2-0 in the two legs of the conference semifinal.

Last Sunday the Timbers opened the conference finals with a 3-1 victory at home over FC Dallas. The second leg is set for Sunday in Frisco, Texas.

Portland has peaked at the right time, going 5-0-2 in the team's last seven games.

The playoff teams had a two-week break after the conference semifinals, which was when Nagbe learned he'd be making his debut with the U.S. national team.

Coach Jurgen Klinsmann left Clint Dempsey off the roster for the first two matches in the long qualifying path to the 2018 World Cup in Russia. He added Nagbe and fellow first-timer Matt Miazga of the Red Bulls on the 23-man roster.

"Our younger players have to come out of their shell," Klinsmann said. "We know Clint inside and out. He's always there. But we have to have a big picture toward Russia 2018. We need our young guys to make an impression."

Nagbe appeared in both games, a 6-1 victory over St. Vincent at the Grenadines, and a 0-0 draw with Trinidad and Tobago in Port-of-Spain.

"I hate to overhype him, but America doesn't really produce a lot of those shifty players that can get their foot on the ball and make people miss. It's not always spectacular, but just a little shift here or there to unbalance the defense," said U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard. "I like him a lot. I think he has a lot of potential and I think he's a good kid." His inclusion on the team was made possible in September, when Nagbe officially became a U.S. citizen in a private ceremony with his wife and daughter after completing the naturalization test.

"I've known him for a long time, and I think it's a big moment for not only his soccer career, but for his life and his family," Porter said at the time. "So I'm really happy on all levels for him. It gives him the chance to go into the national team, which opens up new doors, new opportunities, new challenges for him and his soccer career."

Nagbe says he was thrilled with his first national team appearance and a chance to don the U.S. colors, but ultimately his new citizenship means so much more. It's the completion of one journey and the start of another. □

Klitschko out to silence Fury, prolong heavyweight reign

CIARAN FAHEY

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Tyson Fury's promise to end Wladimir Klitschko's long heavyweight reign in Duesseldorf on Saturday is nothing the defending champion hasn't heard before.

Unbeaten in 22 fights since April 2004, when he lost by TKO to Lamon Brewster in Las Vegas, Klitschko has heard a succession of challengers talk up their chances before he answered

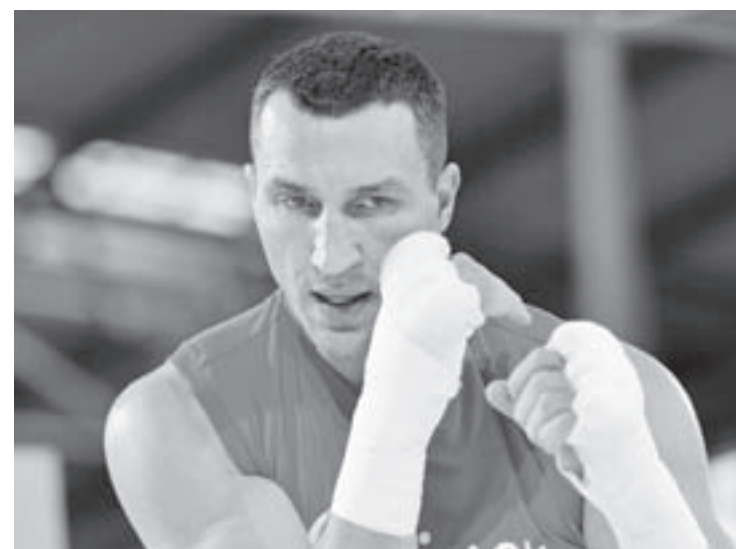
them in the ring.

Bryant Jennings, Alexander Povetkin, Mariusz Wach, David Haye and Ruslan Chagaev have all come and gone, among a list of fighters to have their pretensions to his throne rudely dismissed.

None serenaded Klitschko before their bout, however, as Fury did Wednesday with his own version of the Bette Midler tune "Wind Beneath My Wings." The Briton goaded him during their

staredown the day before, asking for a smile — "let's see those teeth" — and complimenting him on the way he smells. He coaxed the flicker of a smile from Klitschko, who otherwise remained impassively still.

Fury's antics — he recently dressed up as Batman and wrestled a man wearing a Joker costume to the floor at a news conference in England — have added another level of intrigue to Saturday's fight. □



Ukraine's World boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko attends a public training session at the airport in Duesseldorf, Germany, prior his heavyweight boxing fight against challenger Tyson Fury from Britain, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015. The title bout will take place in Duesseldorf's LTU arena on Saturday.

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Smartphones overtake desktops for holiday shopping

MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If the beginning of the holiday season is any indication, it could be a merry mobile Christmas for shoppers.

For the first time, there's expected to be more people visiting retailers' web sites through their smartphones than on desktop computers or tablets during the first weekend of the holiday shopping season that begins on Thanksgiving Day.

Mobile traffic during the five-day start to what is typically the busiest shopping period of the year is expected to reach 56.9 percent of total traffic, up from 48.5 percent last year, according to IBM Watson.

And even though everyone who "window shops" on their phones isn't going to buy, mobile sales are jumping too. Mobile sales are expected to account for 36.1 percent of online sales, up from 27 percent last year, according to IBM Watson Trend.

The bumps in traffic and sales come as retailers try to make the mobile shopping experience easier by improving their mobile apps and adding coupons and other deals. Shoppers also have gotten more comfortable browsing retailers' web sites as smartphone screen sizes have gotten bigger, making it easier for them to see photos of the items they want to buy. Digital wallets and apps that let shoppers store payment information are helping too.

"It's very convenient," said Seth Reineke, 25, an insurance worker from Iowa City, Iowa, who plans to peruse Amazon's weekend deals from his phone. "It allows me to keep track of time-sensitive sales without being tied to a computer or having to leave a holiday event or get-together."

Overall spending this season is expected to be somewhat muted. The National Retail Federation, a

trade group for storeowners, expects industry-wide sales to be up 3.7 percent in November and December, less than the 4.1 percent of last year's holiday season.

But online spending figures are stronger. Forrester predicts online sales will rise 11 percent to \$95 billion. And mobile sales are be-

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, expects that 75 percent of U.S. traffic to its website will come from mobile devices this holiday shopping season. That's up from 50 percent two years ago. Likewise, eBay says it expects mobile sales during the holidays will be "significantly" higher than the 41 per-

cent," said Tamara Gaffney, director of Adobe Digital Index. "In between cooking, watching football and in general hanging around family and friends, there's down time to glance at the iPad and smartphone and do some shopping."

Take Danyell Taylor, 34, a writer in Washington,

And much of mobile traffic doesn't translate into sales.

But for shoppers, the convenience factor is hard to beat, says Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru.

"While retailers may lament their low conversion rates and slow download speeds on mobile de-



In this Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, file photo, Tashalee Rodriguez, of Boston, uses a smartphone app while shopping at Macy's in downtown Boston.

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coming a bigger piece of that pie. Forrester expects them to account for 35 percent of e-commerce this year and 49 percent in five years. That compares to 29 percent in 2014.

Adobe, which measures 80 percent of online sales from the top 100 U.S. retailers, predicts 40 to 45 percent of all retail traffic during November and December will come from mobile devices, up from 37 percent last year. Mobile sales are expected to total 20 to 25 percent of total online sales, up from 16 percent last year.

cent mobile sales made up of total revenue in the third quarter.

Thanksgiving and the day after the holiday known as Black Friday are expected to be particularly mobile-friendly shopping dates because people can use their phones to take advantage of limited-time offers wherever they may be. Adobe predicts mobile will drive the majority of shopping traffic, 51 percent, for the first time on Thanksgiving Day.

"There's a lot of opportunity to do 'shopping under the table' on Thanksgiving

D.C. who likes the "easy access" of smartphone shopping. Taylor plans to start looking for holiday deals on Wednesday and continuing through the weekend, specifically for Converse shoes and Kate Spade home accessories. "I'm going to sit on my couch with my phone and my laptop and buy from there," she says. "I don't plan on going into the store at all."

Mobile shopping still has its problems, including security concerns, sluggish apps and hard-to-navigate mobile web sites.

vices, shoppers still keep shopping on those devices," Mulpuru says, adding that shoppers "appear to have greater tolerance for imperfection, much like in the early days of desktop." Jill Markiewicz, 38, a personal shopper in New York, says she shops frequently on her iPhone 6s on Saks Fifth Ave and J.Crew's mobile web sites. "I'm typically on foot running around a lot ... don't get a whole lot of desk time," Markiewicz says. "You can go from email to checkout cart in a matter of minutes." □

Source: Alibaba in talks to buy Hong Kong's SCMP newspaper

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HONG KONG (AP) — Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba is in talks to buy Hong Kong's leading English language newspaper, the South China Morning Post, a person with knowledge of the potential deal said Thursday.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonym-

ity because the talks were ongoing, said Alibaba is interested in acquiring the newspaper and its related businesses.

The Post's publisher, SCMP Group, said in a stock exchange filing late Wednesday that it was considering an offer, but did not name the possible buyer. It said it has received a "preliminary approach from a third

party" for a possible purchase of its media assets.

The company said the discussions are at a "very early stage" and terms of a deal are subject to "regulatory review."

In a front-page story, the newspaper noted the "intense speculation" that Alibaba's billionaire founder and chairman, Jack Ma, was in talks to buy the

company's media businesses, which also include magazines, advertising and custom publishing.

However, the person with knowledge of the talks said it was Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd., not Ma, who would be the buyer. The acquisition would fit into the company's strategy of expanding its media interests, the person said.

Alibaba has been buying stakes in media companies in order to tap Chinese consumers' growing demand for online content as it diversifies outside of its mainstay business of online shopping. In October it bought the remaining shares in video streaming site Youku Tudou it didn't already own for \$3.6 billion. □

With US off, global stocks buoyed by Europe stimulus hopes

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — With Wall Street closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and tensions between Russia and Turkey fading, European stock markets were buoyed Thursday by expectations that the European Central Bank will back further stimulus for the ailing 19-country eurozone economy next week.

There's increasing speculation that ECB President Mario Draghi will announce a bold package of measures as the bank tries to shore up the economic recovery across the region and get inflation back towards its target of just below 2 percent on an annual basis. Currently, inflation is standing at 0.1 percent. That prospect is keeping the euro currency at relative lows at \$1.06 as well as depressing the interest rates payable on a series of



People stand by an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Japan. With Wall Street closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, European stock markets were buoyed Thursday by expectations that the ECB will back further stimulus for the ailing eurozone next week.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

government bonds across Europe.

In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed up 0.9 percent at 6,393.13 while Germany's

DAX rose 1.4 percent to 11,320.77. The CAC-40 in France ended 1.1 percent higher at 4,946.02.

"In the event that the ECB fails to deliver what Mr. Mar-

ket wants then one would expect to see a big drop in stock prices — an unlikely event, in our view," said Fawad Razaqzada, technical analyst at Forex.com.

Razaqzada said there's potential for stock markets, particularly in Europe, to post further strong gains over coming days before possibly retreating a little sometime after the ECB meeting on Thursday.

Earlier in Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 0.5 percent to 19,944.41 and South Korea's Kospi gained 1.1 percent to 2,030.68. Hong Kong's Hang Seng erased earlier gains, finishing flat at 22,488.94. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 advanced 0.3 percent to 5,210.70.

Wall Street is set to reopen Friday for an abbreviated session and much of the interest will likely center on Black Friday, when millions of Americans venture to shops the day after Thanksgiving in search of bargains. In the energy markets, Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, lost 75 cents to trade at \$45.42 a barrel in London. □

Middle class optimism buoys US consumer sentiment

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans were more optimistic about their incomes and personal finances this month, particularly among lower and middle-class households, lifting consumers' outlook.

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, released earlier this week, rose to 91.3 in November from 90 in the previous month. That is close to the average for the past six months of 91.6.

Steady hiring and rising

wages and salaries are slowly lifting Americans' confidence in the economy, though it remains muted by historical standards. The modest increase suggests consumers could spend more over the coming holiday shopping period.

Among lower and middle-income households, 38 percent expect their personal finances to improve in the coming year, compared with just 29 percent of higher-income households. The outlook for wealthier families appears to have

been tempered by recent swings in the stock market. The report included some cautionary signs for retailers as the winter holiday shopping season gets under way. Consumers at all income levels appear intensely focused on discounts and bargains.

"The insistence of consumers on discounts in prices has rarely been greater in the more than half-century history of the surveys," Richard Curtin, chief economist of the survey, said. The data "indicate the indelible impact that the Great

Recession has had in making consumers more cautious spenders."

The University of Michigan survey conflicts with data from the Conference Board, released Tuesday, that showed a sharp drop in confidence in November. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index dropped to 90.4, from 99.1, its lowest level since September 2014. "Consumer sentiment and confidence indices have been erratic in recent months, but they remain at comparatively healthy lev-

els," Joshua Shapiro, chief economist at MFR Inc., said in a note to clients. Still, job growth has been healthy and there are signs wages have begun to pick up. Employers added 271,000 jobs in October, the most this year, and the unemployment rate fell to 5 percent from 5.1 percent.

Consumer spending has increased at a healthy pace of 3 percent or above in the past two quarters, though it slowed in October, according to government data released Wednesday. □

Brazil banker arrest sending shares lower

M. SAVARESE

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

When IT specialist Andre Esteves decided to leave Swiss bank UBS in 2008 to refound bank Pactual, he added BTG to the company's name to symbolize that he was "back to the game." Later, as a darling of the financial markets, he jokingly said that the acronym actually meant "better than Goldman" Sachs. On Thursday, though, Esteves, one of the wealthiest men in the country, he completed his first day in jail, accused of obstructing a probe into corruption at the state oil company, Petrobras.

Esteves, who denies all the accusations, was arrested at his home in Rio de Janeiro, sending BTG Pactual shares tumbling.

On Wednesday, bank shares dipped 21 percent on the Sao Paulo stock market. On Thursday, rating agency Moody's said it was placing the bank's ratings on review for downgrade, which triggered another session of losses for BTG.

The impact of the investigations could be felt in every business related to BTG Pactual, according to Silvio Campos Neto, an economist at consultancy firm Tendencias. "We don't know yet how exposed they are. But the main risk is a loss of confidence leading to cash flowing out. Then it could affect others that are related," he told The Associated Press. "So far the risk seems to be under control. But the market is vigilant."

In July last year, BTG bought Swiss bank BSI for \$ 1.68 billion. Esteves, 47, was recently involved in a pending operation to merge dominant cellphone carriers Oi and TIM in Brazil. BTG has shares in construction companies, online media and many other sectors.

The bank tried to calm investors with the appointment of Persio Arida, chairman of the bank's asset management unit and former Central Bank governor, as interim CEO. □

Fund manager Q&A:

USAA's Matt Freund defends strategy of holding cash

STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometimes the best choice is to make none at all, particularly when all the options look risky.

So if you're deciding whether to invest in stocks, bonds or something else, remember that you could leave some of it in cash. So says Matt Freund, chief investment officer of USAA's mutual funds.

He says stocks are likely due to deliver lower returns than before, maybe 7 percent annually, partly because of how high their prices have become relative to corporate profits. And as the Federal Reserve gets closer to raising interest rates, Freund expects price swings for stocks to get bigger. Bonds, too, are likely to get more volatile.

Instead of taking on a lot of extra risk for only a little bit more return, the right choice may be to get more conservative, says Freund, who manages several bond mutual funds. He recently talked about why it can make sense to stash some cash under the mattress. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: How much more volatility should we be expecting once the Fed begins raising rates?

A: We've already seen it. We saw it in August, when people were trying to make a huge news story about a 10 percent decline for stocks. I think it is going to get worse. I think these sorts of 5 and 10 per-



Matt Freund, chief investment officer of USAA's mutual funds, poses for a photo. When deciding whether to invest in stocks, bonds or something else, Freund says it's fine for investors to hold cash. (USAA via AP)

cent corrections are going to be much more commonplace. They're not going to be as newsworthy.

Q: Aren't stocks supposed to do well, even after the Fed starts raising rates?

A: Everybody talks about how stocks typically don't peak until two or three years after the Fed begins raising rates. Is that going to happen this time? Is it safe for stocks? Well, we're not sure, but I suspect that it's not.

Typically, when the Fed raises rates, the economy is accelerating. And at USAA, while we're not calling for a recession, we're not calling for an acceleration either. We think we're going to be seeing more of the same, where the economy is kind of grinding along at very modest growth.

Stock valuations today are not cheap, and they are (based on the assumption

that) economic activity will return to normal, will accelerate.

Q: So stocks don't look like the better investment versus bonds?

A: People implicitly make the assumption that the market owes them a good choice.

People always talk about how you need to buy stocks today because they're a TINA - there is no alternative. And I completely disagree. Stocks may beat cash or bonds. But that doesn't mean you're being paid for the risk, and that doesn't mean it's appropriate for you and your time horizon.

Q: What kinds of investments do you like?

A: I actually do like high-yield.

Q: Don't managers of high-yield bond funds always say they like high-yield?

A: If I gave you the choice of two asset classes, and one was going to earn 7 percent and be really volatile, and the other was going to earn almost 7 percent but with a lot less volatility, which one is better? I think that for the same returns, take less risk.

Q: I assume the first choice is stocks, and the second is high-yield bonds. Can they really produce nearly 7 percent returns?

A: The high-yield index is yielding close to 8 percent. After expenses, it's close to 7. So then you have to worry about defaults and price swings. If you're investing for three to five years, I think the ballpark is in the low 6 percent to high

6 percent for returns.

Q: And stocks don't look good at all?

A: Let's say that you are the perfect, rational investor who invests without any emotions. Or you're going to program the computer to do it. If you told the computer, "My time horizon is five years or 10 years," it would put you in stocks. It would put you in emerging markets.

But if you said, "Look, I'm really a six-month investor," the offered returns don't compensate for the risk, and it would keep you out of those markets.

Q: Do you really think people are investing in stocks with expectations to hold for just six months?

A: People are exceptionally short term. Maybe it's for a year. But look at all the articles that happened in August. It was a 10 percent correction. It was long overdue. It was no big deal. But it created a lot of worry and angst.

Q: That advice wouldn't have been any different 10 years ago, though, right?

A: Yeah, but people always seem to forget it. There's nothing wrong with holding some cash.

Imagine you were that lucky person who was sitting on a big stockpile of cash in August. Everyone is running for the door. You would have been very well rewarded for putting that money to work. But how do you get that dry powder? You have to pull back when the market feels good, and that's times like now. □

US new-home sales rebound in October after slip

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes recovered in October after suffering a steep drop in September, returning to this year's trend of an improving market for real estate developers and builders. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that new-home sales climbed 10.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted an-

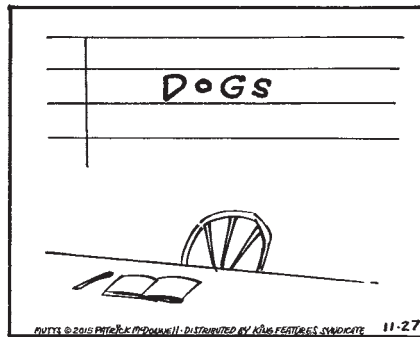
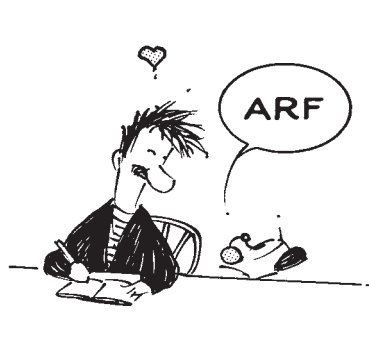
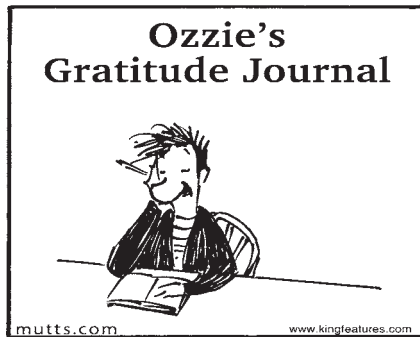
nual rate of 495,000. This rebound followed a 12.9 percent plunge in the sales rate during September.

Americans recovered much of their appetite for owning new homes this year. Purchases have surged 15.7 percent year-to-date, benefiting from the solid hiring gains and low mortgage rates. "We still see new homes sales consistent with a moderate and sustained recov-

ery in the housing market," said Blerina Uruçi, an analyst at Barclays. The new-home sales report tends to be volatile from month to month. Downward revisions lowered home sales reported in September, August and July by a combined 40,000. The October figures reflected some geographical extremes. Home-buying surged 135.5 percent in the Northeast, while rising less aggressively

in the Midwest and South. Sales dropped slightly in the West. But prices dipped last month despite other industry reports indicating that real estate prices have eclipsed income growth. In October, the median new-home sales price fell 8.5 percent from a year ago to \$281,500. The real estate sector is still healing from the bursting of the housing bubble and the 2008 financial crisis. □

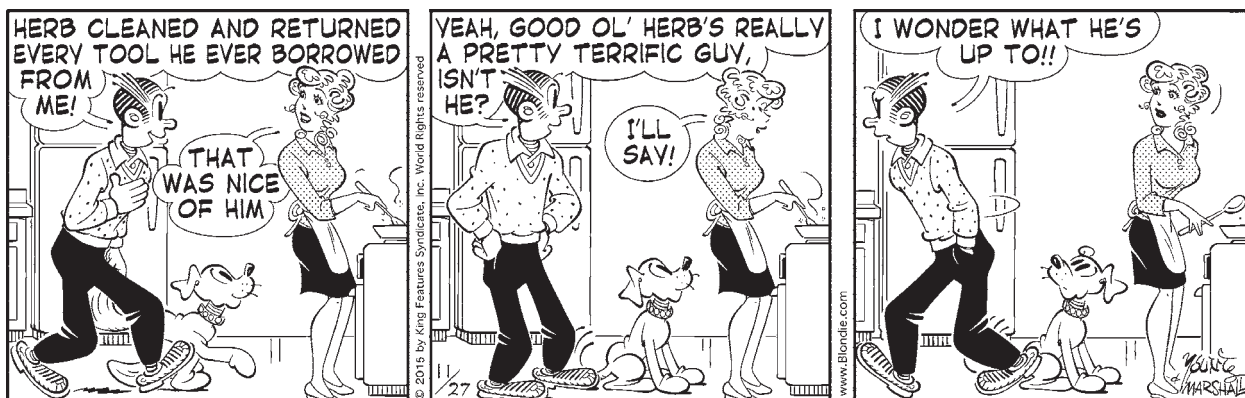
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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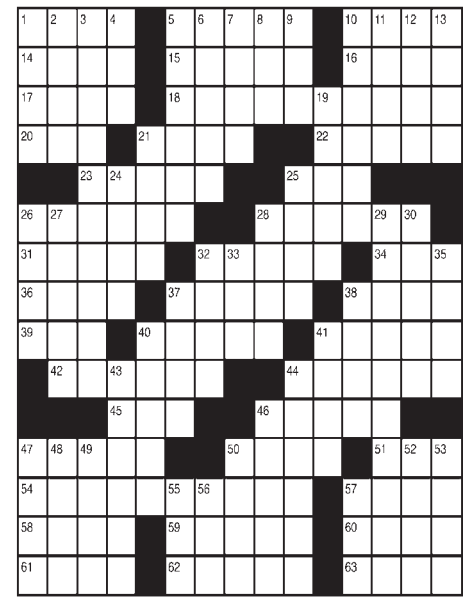
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- Montana and Mantegna
- point; center of attention
- Alan Alda sitcom
- A single time
- Fragrance
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- Store away
- Island nation off SE Africa
- Geologic period
- Stack
- Expenses
- Kilns
- Prefix for stop or violent
- Harm done to an object
- Kit or Johnny
- Haywire
- Like shaved sheep
- Cookware item
- Diplomacy
- Florence's land
- Mr. Arnaz
- Meek ___ lamb
- Treasure ___; pirate's find
- Did an electrician's job
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- Fold mark
- LL Cool J's music
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- Charisma
- Navy ___ soup
- TV's "Days of ___ Lives"
- Parties after weddings
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- ___ and crafts
- Came up
- Does drugs
- Finest
- Kelly & Tierney
- Lab trial

DOWN

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- Cost-effective
- Make clothes
- Widespread food shortage
- Graduate exams, often
- Word following Morse or zip
- Org. for doctors and others
- Remain behind
- Bricklayers
- Fundamentals
- Bench board
- Not yours, not mine and not his
- ___ squash; winter veggie
- Dowels
- Extensive
- ___ a soul; nobody
- Facts & figures
- Accumulate
- Young horse
- The Met, e.g.
- Snoops
- Wineglass part
- ___ Anybody Seen My Gal?"
- Laundry soap
- Pancake house
- Count calories
- Vise
- Songbird
- Bust
- Discontinues
- Nervous
- Grouchy one
- In this place
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- ___ off; sever



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Venezuela

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Julio Cesar Reyes, the best known opposition congressional candidate, was nicknamed "Judas Cesar" by a furious Hugo Chavez in 2008 after he broke with the movement and ran against Adan for governor. Two opposition leaders were shot to death here in 2012, another killed in 2013. But the ranks of defecting voters have been slowly growing in this state, which looks like a collapsing version of Texas, its buildings sliding into rubble and the cowboy bars closing early as crime soars.

Hugo Chavez's margin of victory in his home state shrank from 40 percentage points to 20 when he won re-election in 2012. A month after his March 2013 death, his handpicked successor, Maduro, won Barinas by less than 5 points.

Later that year, the opposition took the Barinas mayor's office and it sees victory ahead in the congressional races. It commissioned a poll by the respected national firm Datanalysis that shows it ahead by 10 points in one of the state's two districts, neither of which the socialists have ever lost. One district elects a single congressman and the other picks three, with two more chosen on a statewide level.

Opposition candidates are venturing into towns where they've been absent for more than a decade, including Sabanaeta, where the Chavez brothers lived during their early childhood. The opposition advocates liberalizing the economy and promises to stop people named Chavez from using the state as its personal fiefdom.

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Projects stall after feds allow fish farming in open ocean

JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Some 90 percent of seafood consumed by Americans is imported — a fact that the Obama administration vowed to start turning around by expanding fish and shellfish farms into federal waters.

Yet nearly two years since the first permit was issued, the United States still has no offshore farms.

The pioneers of offshore aquaculture say their plans have stalled or been abandoned because of the long and expensive federal permitting process that requires extensive environmental monitoring and data collection.

The applicant given the first permit for federal waters in 2014 has spent \$1 million and not seeded any mussels off Southern California. Another pioneer in Hawaii said there is too much red tape and plans to start his fish farm off Mexico and export to the U.S.

Meanwhile, investors are leery to jump on board with no offshore farms in the water.

"Those jobs could have been in the U.S., the investment could have been in the U.S., but there was no way I could talk to my board of investors when there are no clear regulations set up and the monitoring burden is so ridiculous," said Neil Sims, CEO of Kampachi Farms.

"I'm now practicing my Spanish," said Sims, who received his permit for pens off Hawaii. He had hoped to develop a commercial operation to raise sashimi-grade Kampachi fish but plans instead to put his farm off Mexico's Baja California peninsula next year. He said the Mexican pro-

cess was rigorous but streamlined.

Federal officials say the red tape is partly because it's a new frontier. There is no regulatory framework for federal waters. They say the process needs to be streamlined while main-

Supporters say the general public is unaware aquaculture can be done sustainably, and help relieve the overfishing of oceans.

"People are scared," said Hunter Lenihan, a University of California, Santa Barbara marine ecologist.

ing to improve coordination between agencies and identify gaps in scientific data, so they are addressed and don't cause delays, and federal grants for research have been increasing.

"We need to make the

heavy metals or mercury and bought cellular-loaded buoys to collect real-time data, including on water salinity and temperature.

He will monitor how much phytoplankton the shellfish consume to ensure things are not thrown off balance. He hopes his pioneering efforts will pave the way for a multi-billion aquaculture industry someday.

"We don't think there will be any impact, but we have to prove that," Cruver said.

Four federal agencies approved his farm. Cruver said he underestimated the costs and now needs \$3 million to make a profitable farm. "It's been a really tough, tough time, raising money for a sustainable-type investment," he said.

Salem State University professor Mark Fregeau agreed.

The university received a permit for a pilot project in federal waters on the feasibility of a commercial operation off Massachusetts, but it's stalled until they find \$100,000 to cover costs, including bi-monthly inspections of its mussel beds, which will be 8 miles offshore. Another federal permit holder found it more profitable to harvest wild mussels in Massachusetts state waters for now, said Scott Lindell, at the Marine Biological Laboratory, a nonprofit institution that assisted the applicant. Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute in San Diego applied last October for multiple permits to start an offshore commercial fish farm to someday harvest 5,000 metric tons of yellowtail jack annually, with the potential for more than \$30 million in profits. □



In this Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, photo, California yellowtail swim in a tank as project manager Federico Rotman, left, and technician Patrick Appel, of the Hubbs SeaWorld Institute, look on at their facility in San Diego.
Associated Press

taining environmental standards.

Nearly half of the imported seafood Americans eat comes from foreign farms, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A draft of NOAA's five-year strategic plan calls for marine aquaculture production to jump 50 percent by 2020, and expanding into federal waters is key. Crowded coastlines with recreational boats and shipping routes are limiting growth in state waters.

Critics fear it will open the doors to massive fish farms like those in other countries that have polluted waters from the accumulation of feces and resulted in escapes of farm-raised fish that can affect wild stocks.

"You look at China in certain bays, it looks awful. They've destroyed the seascape with pollution. That's a lot of people's version of what aquaculture looks like."

Technology can resolve many of the issues, but federal funds and the political will are lacking so industry and scientists can work together to make it sustainable, he said.

"There is not a government-funded program of any decent size in which you can propose to do experiments and develop innovation in offshore aquaculture to address the main questions we have," Lenihan said. "We need direction from the top to say this is a priority."

Federal officials are work-

permitting process be more efficient as opposed to now where it's like who's on first," said Michael Rubino, director of NOAA's aquaculture office.

Most of the permits issued so far are for raising shellfish, which are filter feeders that can clean waterways. Entrepreneur Phil Cruver hoped to be seeding mussels months after snatching the first federal permit in January 2014 for Catalina Sea Ranch's 100-acre farm, 6 miles from Huntington Beach.

Now he's keeping his fingers crossed for 2016 after spending more than \$1 million on consultants, lawyers, permits, and preparations.

Cruver had the area's ocean floor tested for



In this Feb. 24, 2013 file photo, singer Adele arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. Adele's new album "25" has sold more than 2.3 million copies in the United States during its first three days on the market, a stunning number for a music industry that has seen sales steadily fall in the digital era.

Associated Press

Adele announces first tour in five years for new album '25'

LONDON (AP) — Adele has announced her first tour since 2011, with a string of European dates in support of her record-breaking new album, "25."

The British singer announced Thursday that she will play venues in Britain and Europe starting Feb. 29 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Adele has previously said she finds touring lonely. But in a video on Facebook, the 27-year-old said she was "relieved to finally tell you I am of course coming on tour and I can't wait to see all of you there."

The album sold a record 2.4 million copies in its first four days in the U.S., according to Nielsen Music. In Britain, it sold 737,000 copies in its first week.

The first single, "Hello," is a hit on both sides of the Atlantic. One reason for the astronomical sales may be that Adele declined to make her album available through music-streaming services including Apple Music and Spotify, forcing listeners to buy it either digitally and at stores.

It can be heard via U.S.-based online radio company Pandora Music Inc., which announced this week that it was playing all the songs on "25." □

Signed editions of Harper Lee novel offered for \$1,500

NEW YORK (AP) — How much is a signed Harper Lee novel worth? Her publisher is offering a special edition of "Go Set a Watchman" for \$1,500.

HarperCollins Publishers announced Wednesday that 500 collector's editions are available — leather bound with gold foil stamping, inside a velvet-lined cloth box. HarperCollins told The Associated Press that Lee, 89 and in frail condition, signed the books during the past few months. Prices on eBay for signed Harper Lee books range from \$1,000 for an anniversary edition of "To Kill a Mockingbird" to \$15,000 for a signed and inscribed first edition of her Pulitzer Prize winning novel. □

APNewsBreak: Casey Kasem's widow sued for wrongful death

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three of the radio personality Casey Kasem's children and his brother sued his widow on Wednesday, claiming her actions led to his death in 2014.

The wrongful death lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court accuses Jean Kasem of elder abuse and inflicting emotional distress on Kasem's children from a previous marriage by restricting access to their father before his death.

"Casey's early death occurred as a direct and proximate result of Jean's neglect and physical abuse of Casey," the lawsuit states.

A call and email sent to Jean Kasem's attorney, H. Michael Soroy, was not immediately returned.

The longtime "American Top 40" host had a form of dementia and a severe bed sore when he died at age 82.

Kerri, Julie and Michael Kasem are joined in the lawsuit by their uncle, Mouner. The lawsuit seeks more than \$250,000, although a jury would have to decide any damage award.

Prosecutors earlier this year declined to charge Jean Kasem with elder abuse, a decision that Kerri Kasem said Wednesday led to her family filing the civil case.

"We would rather see her in jail than receive one dime," Kerri Kasem said. "We don't care about the money. We care about justice."

The lawsuit follows years of legal wrangling between Jean Kasem and three of his adult children from a previous marriage. The groups fought over visitation access to Casey Kasem before his death in June 2014, with his daughter Kerri Kasem assuming control of his medical care.

A Los Angeles judge stripped Jean Kasem of decision-making authority over concerns about her decision to move Casey Kasem from a medical facility in Santa Monica, Cali-



In this Oct. 27, 2003, file photo, Casey Kasem poses for photographers after receiving the Radio Icon award during The 2003 Radio Music Awards at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

fornia, to a friend's home in Washington state.

Jean Kasem contended at the time she moved her husband to protect his privacy.

The 28-page lawsuit gives a detailed account of Kasem's final days, including the extent of his ailments and the family infighting swirling around him.

It states that in the months before Casey Kasem's death, his wife repeatedly left him in various hospitals for days despite the fact he was ready to be discharged.

The lawsuit also details numerous confrontations about Kasem's care, and it states Jean Kasem transported his body to Norway where it was buried in an unmarked grave. That was despite Casey Kasem's wishes to be buried at a cemetery in Los Angeles, the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit states the Kasem's children and brother are seeking "fair recompense for the suffering they personally endured from witnessing the abuse and its painful and damaging physical effect on their beloved father and brother, and the gross treatment and disposition of Casey Kasem's remains in an unmarked grave in a distant land unknown to him or his family."

"What she did to my father

is reprehensible," Kerri Kasem said. "It's disgusting. It's horrific."

Los Angeles prosecutors in May rejected filing elder abuse charges against Jean Kasem, saying they could not prove at trial that her actions led to the radio host's death. An explanation of the decision stated Jean Kasem ensured her husband was medically supervised during his transport from Santa Monica to Washington, which included a brief stay in Las Vegas. "Because of Mr. Kasem's longstanding profound health issues, this case cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury," the decision stated. "The development of a bed sore by itself is insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect because of Mr. Kasem's overall weakened health." Casey and Jean Kasem were married for more than 30 years.

Casey Kasem's legacy reached well beyond music. His voice was heard as the character Shaggy in the "Scooby-Doo" TV cartoons and in numerous commercials.

His "American Top 40" began July 4, 1970, in Los Angeles. In his signoff, Casey Kasem's would tell viewers: "And don't forget: Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars." □



This June 9, 2015, file photo shows Joe Manganiello, left, and Sofia Vergara arriving at the Los Angeles premiere of "Jurassic World" at the Dolby Theatre.

Associated Press

Sofia Vergara scores by sharing wedding photos on Instagram

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Newlyweds Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello might have cashed in by selling their wedding photos to a celebrity magazine, but instead they posted the pictures online, and the benefits could be priceless.

Vergara shared 55 photos from her wedding weekend on Instagram, from the romantic, flower-filled setting to her first dance with her new husband. There are shots of her co-workers — "Modern Family" stars Eric Stonestreet, Ty Burrell and Jesse Tyler Ferguson — and a snap of the couple cutting their cake. It's like an extended magazine layout without the magazine.

By sharing the photos via social media, Vergara was able to "give fans the best perspective on her special day: her own," said Instagram exec Charlton Gholson.

She not only controls the narrative, she cultivates

an image of accessibility, which could have an even bigger payoff.

Marketing consultant Dorie Clark said the move sends "a clear branding signal that you are of the people."

"Just because magazines want to pay you tons of money for your photos, you're not succumbing to that," she said. "You're a regular gal and you're releasing photos on Instagram the way your friends do. You're not a spoiled Hollywood starlet. You're of the people."

That kind of image is more fan-friendly — and almost expected in the era of reality-TV, said Bonnie Fuller, editor-in-chief of celebrity site HollywoodLife.com. Such accessibility also fits Vergara's character on "Modern Family," Fuller said.

"People who tune into the show love to see her being so happy and love to see her love story that she found true love with Joe Manganiello," she said.

"She looks so beautiful and she's so excited, and you like her even better and you can't wait to see her back on her show."

Other stars have skipped traditional publications to bring their personal photos straight to the people. Beyoncé and Jay Z posted the first pictures of daughter Blue Ivy on their personal websites. Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel used Instagram to publicly share the first shots of their son, Silas.

"I think we're going to see more stars doing this, not less," said Fuller, who notes that magazine publishers don't have the budgets they once did. "Social media has given such a forum to celebrities."

Ultimately, Vergara and Manganiello making their wedding pictures widely available could lead to even more coverage in celebrity media, Clark said: "You might get more publicity value than in cash value had you sold the rights exclusively." □

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Rosie O'Donnell's take on Trump campaign: 'A nightmare'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell isn't mincing words when it comes to Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

Said O'Donnell: "It's a nightmare." She didn't elaborate, adding only, "That's my quote."

The actress-comedian and billionaire Republican contender have long exchanged barbs. But his conduct became an issue at the Republican presidential debate in August, when Trump was asked to account for crude remarks he has made about women. When Trump suggested he had insulted only O'Donnell, Fox News Channel moderator Megyn Kelly corrected him.

The animosity between Trump and O'Donnell dates back years. In 2006,



In this June 8, 2014 file photo, Rosie O'Donnell accepts the Isabelle Stevenson Award on stage at the 68th annual Tony Awards in New York.

Associated Press

O'Donnell criticized him for remarks he made about a winner of his Miss USA beauty pageant, saying he had no right to be a "moral compass" for the beauty queen.

That unleashed a series

of barbs from Trump, who called O'Donnell a "loser" and "slob," among other insults. In turn, O'Donnell questioned Trump's business skills and hairstyle and compared him to a "snake oil salesman." □

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